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WED: 88°F | 72°F

Scattered showers/T-storms

THU: 91°F | 72°F

Chance showers/T-storms

FRI: 92°F | 73°F

Chance showers/T-storms

# New backup child care program live

## Students receive a subsidized rate

By Anthony Yu  
STAFF REPORTER

Starting on July 1, 2013, undergraduate and graduate students with children were able to pre-register for the new subsidized backup child care program. The new program provides students with access to caregivers on a short notice through Parents in a Pinch, a national vendor for child care services. The program will run as a pilot until June 30, 2014, when it will be reexamined for renewal.

For up to 10 days of the fiscal year, students can use the backup child care service, which provides a nanny at a subsidized rate of \$5 per hour. Any days beyond the ten days cost \$18.50 per hour and a daily placement fee ranging from \$25 to \$50.

The program aims to give students more flexibility and relieve some of the stress that comes with balancing academics and disruptions to normal child care. Students

can choose to use the service for a myriad of reasons. For example, backup care may be used when students have school responsibilities or when the day care is closed.

“I know for myself, I cannot make a 6 p.m. meeting if I have already picked up my daughter from child care and I need to be thinking about dinner. If two parents are working, juggling these things can be difficult,” said Marzyeh Ghassemi G, a GSC Housing and Community Affairs co-chair.

After the pilot year, the program will be evaluated to determine whether or not it will be continued. Especially important in evaluating the program will be the initial preregistration numbers and subsequent usage levels. However, the backup child care program is seen as a long-term initiative.

“Hopefully it will be a long-term program. We think it will be able to touch everybody in a way other programs don’t do as easily,” said Kathy



CHRISTOPHER A. MAYNOR—THE TECH

**Construction of the David H. Koch Childcare Center, which will be the fifth on-campus day care facility at MIT, has filled in the empty space left behind by the demolition of 219 Vassar St. last fall.** The building was fabricated off-site, making its assembly next to Simmons Hall quicker and easier. The center is scheduled to open by the end of this summer.

Simons, senior program manager of Child Care Services and Work-Life Policy at the MIT Work-Life Office. “I think it’s not a pilot in the sense that we’re doing it now but we’re going to do other things later. I think

it’s going to one of those programs that will be kept.”

**Funding**

The Office of the Provost, MIT Work-Life Center, and Graduate

Student Council (GSC) will fund the six-figure program. The GSC, from Career Fair profits, will provide the \$38,000, with additional fund-

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# Housing increases dorm occupancy

## Bexley closure causes temporary crowding in six undergrad dorms

By Kath Xu and Tushar Kamath  
STAFF REPORTERS

Two weeks ago, MIT Housing announced that six undergraduate dorms will be undergoing a temporary housing increase for the fall semester. MIT Housing sent an email to each student living in the affected dorms listing the specific rooms in their dorm that will have increased occupancy.

This increased capacity comes in response to the closing of Bexley last month and the subsequent loss of 116 beds, as well as a larger demand for on-campus housing. According to the Senior Associate Dean for Student Life, Henry J. Humphreys, a total of 134 additional beds are being added. Burton-Conner is adding 39, East Campus 31,

Next 26, McCormick 21, Baker 9, and New House 9 beds.

The Housing Office worked with the housemasters and rooming assignment chairs (RACs) to determine which rooms would increase their occupancy, while the dorm representatives did not play a part in determining whether their dorm capacity would have to increase in the first place.

“Housing gave us the list of rooms that would be tripled,” explained Melody G. Liu ’16, the housing chair for New House. “Unfortunately, I did not get a say in which rooms or how many rooms were tripled. In the future, we hope Housing will allow students to have more of a voice in overcrowding.”

The level of involvement from dorm-level governments varied across the dorms.

Professor Charles H. Stewart III, McCormick housemaster, seemed to have more input in the increased occupancy.

“The process is pretty automatic. We have a series of doubles that have in the past been crowded into triples,” described Stewart. “We worked with the housing office and our room assignment chairs to make sure that the rooms that will be crowded are the ones that make sense. However, I should also say that almost every crowdable room in the dormitory will be crowded, so there wasn’t a whole lot of flexibility for anyone.”

East Campus room assignment chair Leonid Grinberg ’14 also worked extensively with MIT Housing after controversy

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# Course 2 alum and squash coach runs for city council

## Wants more housing, balanced development

By Kristen Sunter

Nadeem Mazen ’06 has announced his candidacy for the Cambridge City Council. If elected in November, he will be the second MIT alumnus to serve on the council after Leland Cheung MBA ’10, who is also running for reelection. Mazen’s campaign is focusing on the issues of affordable housing, zoning, term limits for city councillors, dedicated spaces for arts, and opportunities for mentorship in K-12 education.

After graduating in 2006 with a bachelor’s in mechanical engineering, Mazen founded two businesses in Central Square: danger!awesome, which is a laser cutting and engraving studio, and NimbleBot, which creates interactive software and

digital design. He also teaches business essentials to artists at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts and is the head coach of the MIT squash team. If he is one of the nine (among two dozen candidates) to win a city council seat, which is a full-time position, he plans to leave several of these projects and reduce his teaching load to one day a week.

He decided to run for city council after he attended a zoning board meeting and a city council meeting. “I was so surprised at the huge amount of information that hadn’t been well digested for public consumption,” he said. If elected, he wants to give out educational materials to people

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# Security changes in store for July 4th

Increased security measures are in effect for this year’s Fourth of July celebrations in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings. Several road closures take effect starting at 4 p.m. in contrast with 4:30 p.m. or 6 p.m. closures last July Fourth. Most notably, the Harvard Bridge will not be accessible to pedestrians or vehicular traffic from 4 p.m. until approximately 2 a.m. on July 5. Other 4 p.m. closures to vehicular traffic include Main Street between Third Street and the Longfellow Bridge; Ames Street between Main Street and Memorial Drive; Land Boulevard from Binney Street to the Longfellow Bridge; Charlotte’s Way; and Amherst, Wadsworth, Hayward, Carleton, and Dock Streets. The Longfellow Bridge will remain open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic after 4 p.m. only on the inbound (Cambridge to Boston) side.

For those planning to attend the celebrations along the Esplanade, several additional restrictions to allowed items and times of entry will be in place. Last year, items needed to be checked only when entering a lawn area on the Esplanade known as the Oval. This year, prohibited items not allowed anywhere on the Esplanade include coolers on wheels, backpacks, cans, pre-mixed beverages, alcohol, grills, and propane tanks. As with last year, glass containers, sharp objects, fireworks, and weapons are prohibited and will be confiscated.

The 4 p.m. deadline for passing through security checkpoints will be two hours earlier than in 2012, and applies to people bringing “allowable items.” Such items include pop-up tents or canopies without sides with an area no greater than 10’ x 10’ in size, blankets or tarps no more than 10’ x 12’ in size, folding/beach chairs, coolers which can be carried by shoulder strap or single handle (no wheels), personal items carried in clear bags, and small purses. After 4 p.m., only chairs or tarps and blankets no more than 10’ x 12’ in size will be allowed. The Boston Pops concert at the Hatch Shell, which also features other headlining artists, is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. with the fireworks following at 9:30 p.m. Have a happy Fourth!

—Alexander C. Bost

IN SHORT

James Reed announced that he would resign as New House RLAD, effective June 28, in an email to the dorm’s residents on June 19.

Two-year Chair of the Faculty Samuel M. Allen PhD ’75 stepped down at the end of June. Allen is transitioning into retirement, first serving as a “Professor without Tenure, Retired.”

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Shaw’s discontinued its loyalty card program this past weekend.

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# The ASA Governance Clause

*Editor's Note: The following letter provides background in response to a May 3 article on the Association of Student Activities' "Governance Clause." <http://tech.mit.edu/V133/N23/asa.html>.*

The ASA Governance Clause was included as part of a complete rewrite of the ASA constitution in 1987, during my tenure as ASA president. The then-new

constitution was adopted by a unanimous vote of the ASA general assembly, with more than 100 activities present and voting. The ASA Governance Clause was a recognition of that fact that student activities cannot use the MIT name, operate on the MIT campus, receive MIT student activities funding, or use MIT student activities space without ASA recognition.

The ASA reviews a student activity's constitution as part of the recognition process. Student activities that do not satisfy certain requirements, such as more than half of the voting membership being

MIT students, may not be recognized by the ASA. Since continued recognition is contingent on the structure of the student activity's constitution, any changes to that constitution are subject to ASA review. If a student activity changes its constitution in a way that is inconsistent with the ASA rules and regulations, the student activity will lose ASA recognition and all of the privileges that accompany recognition.

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by Jorge Cham



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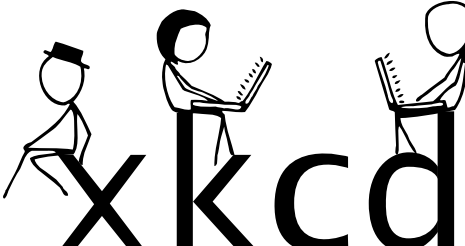
WE CAN'T CALL THEM "RESEARCHERS." THAT SOUNDS TOO MUCH LIKE A REAL JOB.

WE NEED A NAME THAT SAYS "WE DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE TO CALL YOU." A NAME THAT SAYS "I HAVE A PH.D... AND NOT MUCH ELSE."

...AND THAT'S HOW THEY PROBABLY INVENTED THE NAME "POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR".

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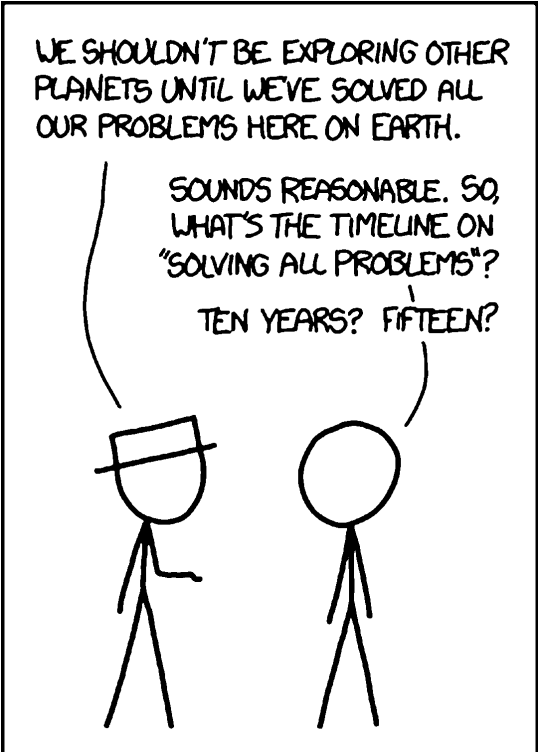
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by Randall Munroe

[1232] Realistic Criteria



WE SHOULDN'T BE EXPLORING OTHER PLANETS UNTIL WE'VE SOLVED ALL OUR PROBLEMS HERE ON EARTH.

SOUNDS REASONABLE. SO, WHAT'S THE TIMELINE ON "SOLVING ALL PROBLEMS"? TEN YEARS? FIFTEEN?


I'm leaning toward fifteen. There are a lot of them.

S M B C

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CEREAL

BY ZACH WEINER

[3024]



IF A PARASITE STARTED EATING YOUR BRAIN AND VERY SLOWLY REPLACING YOUR MIND WITH ITS BODY YOU WOULD NOT AT ANY POINT IN THE PROCESS REALIZE YOU WERE BEING KILLED.

Philosophers are no longer allowed at summer camp.

Saturday Stumper by S.N.

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7 Honor

15 Pads

16 Got around, perhaps

17 Cracks

18 Edit slightly

19 Marketing medium

20 Last word of nine verses of a Kipling poem

21 Check

22 Radiator parts

23 Slip

25 Turtle's hangout

26 Using hindsight

29 He merged with Pepsi in '65

30 Be blustery

31 Thing that's spouted

35 \_\_\_ Aquariids (annual meteor shower)

36 Application

37 Collision by-product

38 "Alexander's Feast," e.g.

39 Julius Caesar setting

41 Safe-lock inventor

42 Milk holder

43 Dubious creature of rhyme

46 Foreign Legion accessory

49 Twisting

50 Historical study

51 Promote

53 Far \_\_\_

54 Homogenizes, maybe

55 Second-shot option

57 Second-shot option
- 58 Engage in risky business

59 "Ah!"

60 Blue in the face?

61 They're just above O

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1 Cop-show fodder

2 Opposite of "love"

3 Throwing Heat autobiographer

4 Tell (of)

5 Debark?

6 The ultimate in priorities

7 Primitively

8 Slotted for payment

9 Spanish Prisoner or pigeon drop

10 Cleared

11 Cop-show fodder

12 Highly sensitive

13 2012 Hasty Pudding Woman of the Year

14 Forbes' "most powerful pundit"

20 High-tech surveillance tool

23 Goodyear Blimp promotional products

24 Emulating Elizabeth

27 Its "final test" is ridicule, per Mencken

28 Brown-coat owner

32 Predictive quantity, in statistics

33 Chicago Hope Emmy winner

34 Solvency measure

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- 37 Contrary

40 Luger, for example

41 Engaged in wishful thinking

44 Symbolize, maybe
- 45 Inscribe

46 Routes

47 Part of CAT

48 Early Betamax supporter

52 Rotation candidate
- 54 "The game is never over" sloganeer

56 \_\_\_ gun

57 Splited to allow everything to fit.)

# Sudoku

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|   |   | 8 |   | 1 |   | 2 | 3 |   |
|   | 9 | 5 |   |   |   | 1 | 8 |   |
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|   | 1 |   | 6 | 7 |   |   |   | 2 |
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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column, row, and 3 by 3 grid contains exactly one of each of the digits 1 through 9.

# Techdoku

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|      | 4− |     | 180× |    |     |
| 3    |    | 6+  |      |    | 6   |
| 450× |    |     | 2    |    | 4   |
|      |    | 24× |      | 2× |     |

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

# Sumo Techdoku

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| 56×  | 22+ | 18× |      | 8−   | 2×  | 22+ |      |   |
|      |     |     | 10+  |      |     | 6   |      | 9 |
| 1    |     | 20× |      | 288× |     | 4−  |      |   |
| 1−   |     |     | 10×  |      |     | 20+ |      |   |
| 120× |     |     | 112× |      | 9   |     | 126× |   |
| 2−   |     | 72× |      |      | 48× |     | 11+  |   |
|      | 84× |     |      | 5    |     | 9×  |      | 4 |
| 6×   |     |     | 32+  |      |     |     | 5−   |   |
| 4    |     | 8   |      | 6    |     | 10× |      |   |

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–9. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

# Backup child care to create safety net for students

*New David H. Koch Childcare Center expected to benefit faculty more than students*

**Childcare**, from Page 1

ing provided by the provost. The GSC worked through the Office of the Dean of Graduate Education (ODGE) and Dean Christine Ortiz to obtain the additional funding needed from the provost, with support of Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ’80.

**The GSC and ODGE are in the preliminary stages of planning several solutions to the issue of cost.**

According to Simons, the provost “met the gap” between the GSC and Work-Life funds, and the cost of the program. The funding provided by the provost will cover the fixed cost of opting MIT students into the backup child care program, and the GSC funding will be used to subsidize the lower hourly rate.

**Motivation**

The main motivation for the backup child care program comes from 2013 MIT Student Quality of Life Survey, which reported that roughly 10 percent of the graduate student population have children. Even though only 52 percent of graduate students responded to the survey, this number was unexpectedly high — the GSC expected a value closer to seven percent of the graduate student population. In addition, half of graduate students cited family obligations as stressful and 22 percent of graduate students cited child care as stressful.

The GSC claims that these statistics prove that child care at MIT, which is located in one of the most expensive areas in terms of baby-

sitting, is a struggle for many graduate students. Though MIT provides many resources through Technology Childcare Centers, Work-Life Resources 24/7, and help for childbirth, they are still many issues that need to be resolved, particularly pertaining stress and cost.

To tackle these concerns, “one of the more immediate things that could be addressed was this backup child care idea,” said Ghassemi. The program would be fast to implement, taking a little over a semester’s time to plan. Backup child care services have been offered to faculty and staff for over five years and have received excellent reviews, according Kathy Simons. However, the contract needed to be renegotiated due to the heavily subsidized hourly rate. Compared to the student program, faculty and staff are limited to using the program fifteen days at a higher hourly rate of \$16.

“I think that we all had the sense that after the research we did, this is a benefit that many institutions provide their students, specifically because it’s such a common need,” said Ghassemi.

“Students often just curry favors with one another,” noted Simons. “They might ask a friend to take care of their child for a couple hours and then they’ll owe them a favor, or they go without sleep or miss a meeting.” With this backup child care program, there will be a “safety net” that helps students when there are disruptions to child care.

**Cost still an issue**

Yet, “the backup child care program will by no means help the students in their struggle of finding a regular (day-to-day) child care arrangement,” said Anna Hägg-

man, the GSC Family Subcommittee chair. For regular child care arrangements, a trade-off between quality and cost still exists.

While the Office of the Dean of Graduate Education offers the on-campus Technology Childcare Center as day care, the waitlist will take at least two years to exhaust. The Koch Childcare Center, scheduled to open late this summer, will almost double the number space for children, increasing the current 142 spots by 126. Even with the increase, TCCs are still catered towards faculty, with professors and postdoctoral associates receiving priority for new openings.

The common sentiment is that regardless of the availability issue being resolved, price will still be an issue. At its Stata facility, the monthly tuition costs families \$2,334 per toddler. According to Häggman, this price exceeds a graduate student’s monthly stipend, making TCC and many other day care centers unaffordable.

**Even with lots of room for improvement, graduate students and staff are optimistic about future collaboration.**

In addition, TCC scholarships for graduate students were phased out in the last several years because of the low number of graduate students with children in TCC. Luckily, these funds will be re-appropriated for use in the new backup child care program, forming part of the funding provided by the Institute.

**Potential solutions**

The GSC and ODGE are in the preliminary stages of planning several solutions to the issue of cost. Three proposals that they

are exploring are a needs-based child care grant program, a family day care network, and cooperative childcare. Compared to the backup child care program, these require more funding, time, and planning.

A needs-based child care grant would provide graduate students with funds to help with child care. Given the large amount of funding needed, more time is necessary before anything can be officially implemented.

On the other hand, a family day care network requires more outreach outside of MIT. Family day cares are child care centers based in people’s homes, where the rate is often cheaper than institutionalized child care like TCC. The goal is to affiliate these day cares with MIT and offer lower rates and priority to MIT students. However, these day cares around MIT have to be evaluated to ensure that they are high quality, which requires lead time. For comparison, Harvard’s Longwood Medical Campus is imple-

menting a family day care network in August 2013. It remains to be seen how this program will influence MIT’s choices.

The final idea is starting a larger child care cooperative. MIT already has a child care cooperative at Westgate, but it is relatively small at fifteen students, and geared towards preschoolers. Graduate students, whose schedules are seen as more flexible than those of faculty, would volunteer some their time at a cooperative to take care of the children. This would allow for a

lower monthly rate because fewer people have to be hired. However, space needs to be identified and a nonprofit organization for administration needs to be selected. CalTech and Stanford have already implemented similar programs.

If approved, these ideas would significantly reduce the economic burden of child care on students. “I think that the idea of cooperative child care, the idea of a family day care network, the idea of backup child care, and the idea for a needs-based child care grant are part of this entire picture of services that go to fill in the gaps in that community,” said Ghassemi.

Even with lots of room for improvement, graduate students and staff are optimistic about future collaboration. The ODGE, responsible for obtaining funding from the provost for the backup child care program, is “strongly committed to supporting graduate families and in the coming year will continue to work closely with the Work-Life Center with input from the GSC-HCA Families sub-committee to carefully evaluate the pilot back-up child care program, as well as to continue to explore other mechanisms of support for our graduate families,” wrote Christine Ortiz, Dean of Graduate Education, to *The Tech*.

Members of the GSC-HCA also seem excited about the Institute’s child care offerings in the future. “It seems like many universities are realizing that in order to attract talented faculty, they have to create family-friendly policies and benefits,” notes Häggman. “Some universities are starting to offer these benefits to students as well, realizing that today’s grad students are junior faculty.”

# Affirmative action to continue

*Supreme Court wants closer look at race in admissions*

**By Leon Lin and Anthony Yu**  
*STAFF REPORTERS*

On June 24, the Supreme Court sent an affirmative action case back to a lower appeals court in a 7-1 ruling that is unlikely to affect most colleges, including MIT, at least for now.

*Fisher v. University of Texas* was one of several high-profile cases on the Supreme Court’s docket last term, but its outcome was anticlimactic compared to the landmark rulings on voting rights and gay marriage handed down the same week.

The plaintiff, Abigail Fisher, a white woman who was denied entrance into the University of Texas at Austin, filed suit in 2008, claiming that the university discriminated against her on the basis of her race. The Supreme Court agreed to hear the case early last year.

The Court, in a 7-1 vote, ordered the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeal to give *Fisher* another look, since it had failed to apply a standard of “strict scrutiny” to the university’s affirmative action policy the first time around.

A diverse student body is a com-

elling enough reason to justify race-conscious admissions policies, but only if “no workable race-neutral alternatives would produce the educational benefits of diversity,” the Court held, citing previous cases.

MIT’s admissions office will study the decision to “assure our adherence to the standards articulated by the Court,” Chancellor Eric Grimson PhD ’80 and Dean for Undergraduate Education Daniel E. Hastings PhD ’80 wrote in a letter to the MIT community. MIT considers applicants’ race and ethnicity in admissions, but “from time to time we review the need to use race,” Dean of Admissions Stu Schmill told *The Tech*.

**“From time to time we review the need to use race.”**  
—*Stuart Schmill*  
DEAN OF ADMISSIONS

“I understand the Court in *Fisher* affirmed the principles of *Grutter* and *Bakke*, and so it should not affect MIT admissions policy,” Schmill said, referring to *Grutter v.*

*Bollinger* (2003) and *Regents of the University of California v. Bakke* (1978), earlier affirmative action cases.

Bakke permitted universities to “narrowly tailor” affirmative action policies to achieve a “compelling governmental interest” like diversity, but deemed racial quotas unconstitutional. *Grutter* found the University of Michigan Law School’s affirmative action policy to be narrowly tailored and constitutional. *Grutter* should not be confused with *Gratz v. Bollinger*, which found the University of Michigan’s undergraduate admissions policy of giving minorities an automatic advantage not narrowly tailored, and therefore in violation of the 14th Amendment.

MIT has actively supported affirmative action. In August 2012, MIT and 13 other institutions, including the 8 Ivy League schools, filed an amicus brief in support of the University of Texas, which admits about a quarter of its undergraduate body through a process that takes into account each applicant’s race. The majority of its students are admitted based only on their high school class rankings.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Summer FSILG intruders

On Tuesday, Adam McCready, assistant director of fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs), alerted FSILG officers to an individual attempting to trespass onto FSILGs in the Back Bay. According to McCready’s email, the black male, 5’9” and in his 40s-50s, claimed he was told to come to houses to inquire about being a cook. McCready said that Sergeant Cheryl N. Vossmer, of the MIT Police, reported that this is a “common

ruse used by criminals to scope out properties prior to an actual theft ... looking for easy access points.”

McCready added that it is common for criminals to enter through first floor windows or windows off of fire escapes, and that AC units and windows should be secured. He advised residents to not confront such individuals but call MIT Police and be attentive to their appearance and escape route.

— *Bruno B. F. Faviero*

### Course 2 head search continues, McKinley named in interim

In an email to MechE students, faculty, and staff, Dean of Engineering Ian A. Waitz gave an updated timeline of the search for a new Course 2 department head. After speaking with the search advisory committee about potential candidates, Dean Waitz anticipated the interview and decision process would extend into mid to late July. Depart-

ment Head Mary Boyce PhD ’87 stepped down effective June 30, leaving a gap between her departure and the completion of the search process. To bridge this gap, Dean Waitz asked Associate Head for Research Gareth H. McKinley PhD ’81 to step in as interim department head, to which McKinley agreed.

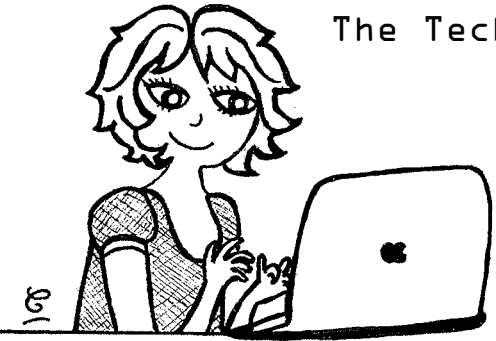
—*Alexander C. Bost*

### New housemasters for Sidney-Pacific and Ashdown

Graduate dorms Sidney-Pacific and Ashdown will have new housemasters this fall after a search co-chaired by Professors John Ochsendorf and David Mindell PhD ’96. The search culminated in the appointment of Professor of Political Science Adam Berinsky and Dr. Deirdre Logan as Ashdown housemasters, and Professor of Mathematics of Operations Research Andreas Schulz and former MIT visiting student and post-

doc Berit Johannes. Berinsky and Logan succeed previous Ashdown housemasters Ann and Terry Orlando whose tenure in both the old Ashdown House (Maseeh Hall) and current Ashdown House spanned 12 years. Schulz and Johannes succeed Roger and Dottie Mark, who have served as the housemasters of Sidney-Pacific since the residence’s opening in 2002.

—*Alexander C. Bost*



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# Debilitating the music industry is his greatest skill



**By Denis Bozic**  
*STAFF WRITER*

Tip, Nas, Mos Def and Talib Kweli when I get a craving for some good beats.

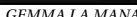
I really wonder how long it took him to produce this album, because all of the tracks sound as if they were purposely produced in the quickest, laziest, and most irritating

So, if *Yeezus* is a sign of the music industry reaching open-mindedness and moving forward, then the world would be better off restricting itself to a more conservative taste in music.

**By Kathryn Dere**  
*SENIOR EDITOR*

*The Heat* is unabashedly about extremes, and it delivers to the audience time and again. There's that blood-sputtering emergency tracheotomy that Ashburn unwisely tries to carry out, for one. And later on in the movie, there is a cringe-worthy scene involving an oyster-shucking knife stuck in Ashburn's thigh. Supporting characters are also brilliant, with especially enjoyable performances from Mullins' loud, slightly dysfunctional

If over-the-top action-comedy is what you're after, then *The Heat* is a must-see movie of the summer. Bullock and McCarthy are in top form, and their romp through Boston provides the ideal ingredients for 117 minutes of escapism.



**Another night chasing the bad guys for ill-matched partners** FBI Special Agent Sarah Ashburn (Sandra Bullock) and Boston Detective Shannon Mullins (Melissa McCarthy) in *The Heat*.





JOHN YAZBEK

**Lauren Mayberry, Iain Cook, and Martin Doherty of Chvrches** performed at Paradise Rock Club on June 16.

## CONCERT REVIEW

# CHVRCHES and Still Corners

## Two UK bands visit Boston as a part of their US tour

**By Denis Bozic**

*STAFF WRITER*

The Scottish synth-pop band Chvrches (usually stylized as CHVRCHES) released their first EP *Recover* this March to very positive reviews, and just recently embarked on their first U.S. tour. Taking the London-based musical project Still Corners along with them, the band paid Boston a visit last month to play some of their acclaimed songs and present forthcoming album material.

Still Corners, a four-member heavy-beat dream-pop project, opened for the headlining band with a compellingly introverted and mysterious performance. Without much introduction to their songs, the band played a couple of their drowsy tracks,

which sounded even more hypnotic than their album counterparts. The entrancing performance was also accompanied by an on-stage video screen, which featured a range of clips: ballet moves, fading faces, and seemingly random movie shots. Tessa Murray, the band's vocalist, delivered much of their stage magic. With a glittery jacket, lulling vocals, and an endearingly modest attitude, she thanked the audience for coming early to the concert to see the Chvrches' opening act.

Chvrches took over the stage soon afterwards. The band's lead vocalist, Lauren Mayberry, managed to keep the concert an entertaining amalgam of synth melodies and charming storytelling. Taking a moment between each song to elicit laughter and cultivate a friendly atmosphere in the

audience, Mayberry explained her dance moves and spontaneously threw in funny commentary. She confessed that she had never been to Boston before and that she had only heard about it in the movies and other stories. Just like Tessa from *Still Corners*, she was miles away from being arrogantly proud of their growing popularity – with a smile, she said that she was surprised there were so many people in the audience who were not related to the band members. Most of the music performed throughout the night was upcoming and unreleased material, but the band also performed some of their earlier-known tracks, including “Recover” and “The Mother We Share.”

Still Corners' sophomore album *Strange Pleasures* was released in May, and Chvrches' first full-length album, *The Bones*

# CHVRCHES

## Opening Act: Still Corners

**8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 16, 2013**

## Paradise Rock Club, Boston

*of What You Believe*, will be released in the U.S. on Sept. 24. The bands are returning to Europe soon, where Chvrches will perform as an opening act for some of the shows in Depeche Mode's The Delta Machine Tour. Mayberry said that the band will return to the U.S. very soon, so hopefully we'll see more of these friendly performers in the near future.

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# Undergraduates react to planned dorm squeeze

## *Humphreys: unique furniture exempts Simmons from housing extra students next year*

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arose when Housing originally asked EC for 41 additional beds. “The immediate situation has been resolved to our satisfaction,” Grinberg stated.

According to Humphreys, Mas-eeh, Senior House, and Random Hall were exempt from the increased occupancy changes because they are already at maximum capacity. MacGregor was not considered because the only way to increase the number of residents would be to alter the lounges, which was seen as a last resort. Likewise, Simmons was spared because of “the unique configuration of the building and the rooms.”

“When Simmons was built, it used the same manufacturer for furniture that we use for our other buildings, which is not the same size or design as we use in other [dorm] buildings,” explained Humphreys. “It is a specific type, and we can’t just swap out furniture.” The furniture, said Humphreys, is not “bunkable.” In any case, Humphreys believed trying to increase occupancy in Simmons would

require more time than they had when planning for dorm sizes next year.

In response to these changes, students have expressed criticism with the decision to increase the number of residents in their dorms. Baker resident Isaac F. Silberberg ’16 lived in a double his freshman

year. Silberberg said he was frustrated that the addition of Baker’s RLAD (Residential Life Area Director) removed six beds, a quad, and two singles, while the GRT count stayed the same.

“It was very nice with two people, and while it probably could hold three, it would be very cramped,” Silberberg said. “However, it’s unconscionable that the administration would force residents to live in forced rooms while giving an RLAD over 600 desirable square feet of living space to perform a function that Baker already has an extra GRT for.”

Similarly, New House resident

and former housing chair Lucas A. Orona ’14 did not take the news with enthusiasm, citing the harmful effects of overcrowding. Orona said he lived in a forced triple his freshman year, but moved out as soon as he could because of the lack of space and the annoyance of the top bunk.

“It hurts dorm cultures to have forced rooms because freshmen understandably don’t want to get stuffed like sardines into rooms and pick a living situation based on space rather than what culture best suits them,” said Orona. “Spreading forced rooms across dorms while taking into account room sizes is the fairest way to distribute forced rooms rather than placing the burden on a single dorm.”

Based on his freshman year experiences, Orona predicted a lower dorm retention rate for students in forced triples, and for dorms like MacGregor and Simmons to be es-

pecially popular.

On the other hand, New House resident Matthew J. Davis ’16 said his experience living in a triple was “not too bad” because he was able to bond with his roommates.

“That being said, our room was a natural triple and was therefore very large, with plenty of room — moreover, I was in the great living community of International Development House,” stated Davis. “This is very different from the increased triples our residents will face, and therefore I do not think it is fair to compare my experience to others. I imagine it to be much worse. I found private, quiet time in the libraries or in other places. Ultimately, it was a rewarding experience.”

While the majority of the changes resulted from the Bexley incident this year, MIT’s increased undergraduate enrollment has also

played a role over the years, commented Stewart.

“The situation is going to go back to how it was in the mid-1990s, which the housemasters at the time were pretty clear about being intolerable,” Stewart reflected. “So, that’s unfortunate. However, given that we have to live with an unfortunate situation, I think the decisions made about distributing the burdens have been about as fair as they can be. We’re all trying to make the best of a bad situation.”

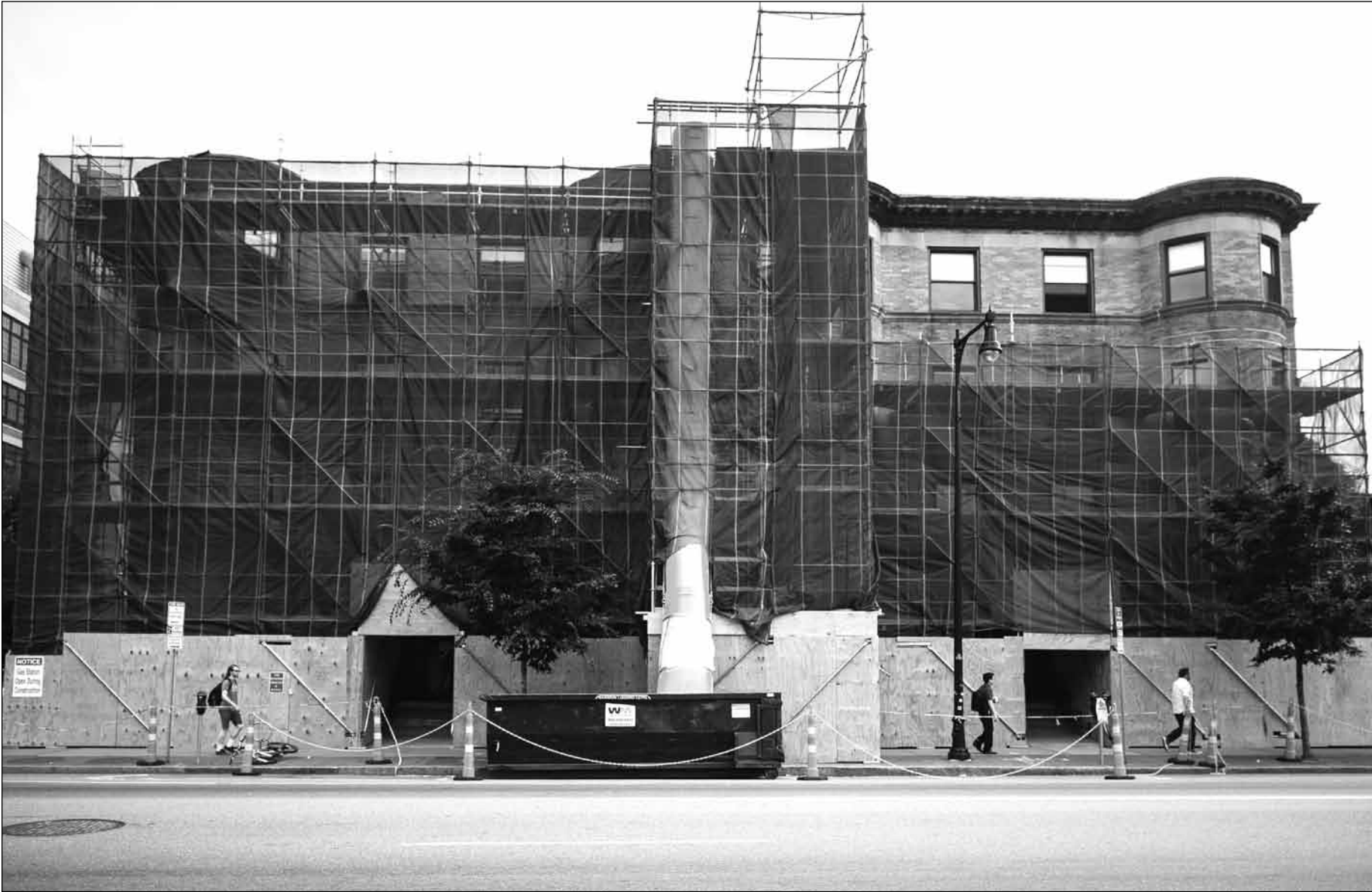
In this aspect, Humphreys noted that all occupancy increases were within state codes for sanitation, occupancy, and any fire hazards. Davis also added, “We will make the best of our situation and put forth our greatest efforts to ensure the highest quality residential experience for all of our residents.”

Humphreys praised the work done by everyone involved in the project. “The room assignment chairs and the housemasters have been great partners to work with throughout this whole Bexley situation,” Humphreys commented. “They really, really have been fantastic.”

**While the majority of the changes resulted from Bexley closing, increased undergraduate enrollment also played a role over the years.**

**Trying to increase occupancy in Simmons would require more time.**

### Random Hall’s front facade scaffolded in order to repair loose bricks



Since loose bricks were discovered on Random Hall’s front facade in March, scaffolding has been erected in order to make repairs to the MIT dormitory on Massachusetts Avenue. The building will be closed for the whole summer, but is scheduled to reopen for the fall semester.

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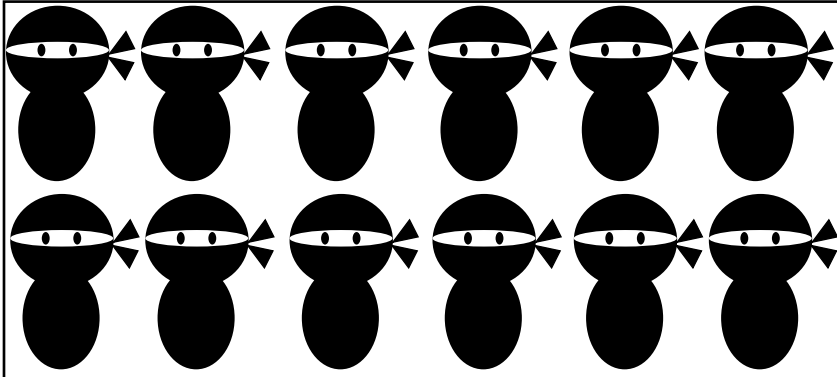
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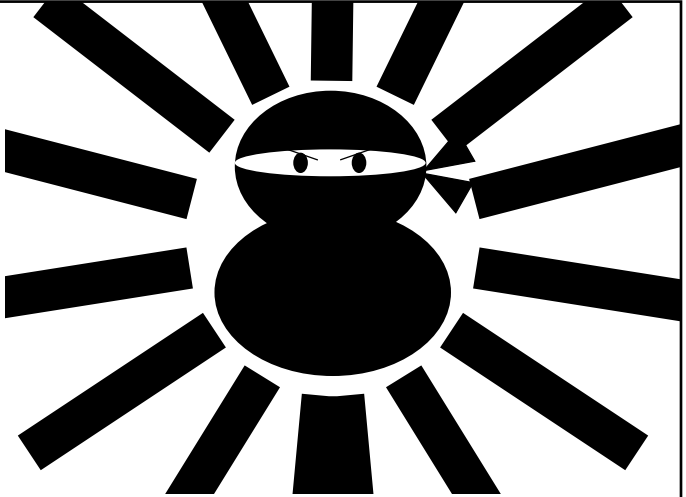
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# Boston bombing suspect is indicted on 30 counts

## Tsarnaev to face life in prison or death penalty if found guilty on 17 federal charges

By Katharine Q. Seelye and Michael S. Schmidt  
*THE NEW YORK TIMES*

BOSTON — A federal grand jury here issued a 30-count indictment on June 27 against Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the surviving Boston Marathon bombing suspect, charging him with using a weapon of mass destruction that killed three people and injured more than 260.

The grand jury also charged him in the killing of a Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer, from whom he and his brother, Tamerlan, tried to steal a firearm, the authorities said, before they led police officers on a wild night of terror and a shootout that shut down the city of Boston and its suburbs for a day.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, faces life in prison or the death penalty on 17 of the federal charges and is scheduled to be arraigned July 10. His brother was killed by injuries sustained in the shootout with police and when Dzhokhar accidentally drove over him in a car, the indictment said.

In addition to the federal indictment, Tsarnaev was indicted by a Middlesex County grand jury on more than a dozen criminal charges, including murder for the shooting death of Sean Collier, the MIT police officer. The county in-

dictment covers a carjacking, chase and shootout that occurred in the Boston suburbs beginning the night of April 18; the federal indictment, which runs 74 pages, covers events that led up to the bombings on April 15 as well as the bombings and the subsequent chase and shootout.

District Attorney Marian T. Ryan of Middlesex County said at an afternoon news conference that no date had been set for Tsarnaev to appear in court on the county charges and that any trial would not run concurrently with a federal trial.

Carmen J. Ortiz, the U.S. attorney who outlined the charges for the news media, said she had met with relatives of the victims and with those who were wounded.

“Their strength is extraordinary, and we will do everything that we can to pursue justice not only on their behalf but on behalf of all of us,” she said.

The federal indictment gives the most detailed narrative so far of the brothers’ alleged actions. On the night of the chase, it said, they were armed with five improvised explosive devices, a Ruger P95 semiau-

tomatic handgun, ammunition, a machete and a hunting knife. It is not clear which items the brothers still had in their possession as the police closed in.

The indictment also included the words that Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had scrawled on the inside of a dry-docked boat where he was hiding, giving hints about his motives. Among the phrases he wrote were: “The U.S. government is killing our innocent civilians”; “I can’t stand to see such evil go unpunished”; “We Muslims are one body, you hurt one you hurt us all”; and “Stop killing our innocent people and we will stop.”

Tsarnaev also wrote that he did not “like killing innocent people,” because “it is forbidden in Islam.” But he suggested that because of what had been done to Muslims, such violence “is allowed.”

Ortiz declined to elaborate on their motives, saying the bombings were “perhaps a protest against what they viewed as actions by the United States in foreign countries.”

The federal indictment said that the brothers had built the two explosive devices that they detonated at the marathon using pressure cookers, explosive powder, shrapnel, adhesives and other items “designed to shred skin, shatter bone, and cause extreme pain and suffering, as well as death.

It also said Dzhokhar Tsarnaev had contributed to his brother’s death. After the two tried to “shoot, bomb and kill” the officers who were trying to apprehend them, it said, Tamerlan Tsarnaev was tackled to the ground by three police officers.

At that point, the indictment said, Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, driving a Mercedes SUV that they had carjacked, drove directly at three police officers who were trying to drag Tamerlan to safety. He barely missed one of the officers but ran over Tamerlan, “seriously injuring him and contributing to his death.”

After Tsarnaev drove over his brother, he struck a Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority officer as he tried to speed away, seriously injuring him. Tsarnaev then abandoned the vehicle, smashed both of his cellphones and hid in the boat. The indictment listed books and materials that Tsarnaev downloaded that might have influenced his beliefs and taught him how to assemble the bombs. The authorities said that he had downloaded a digital copy of a book that had a foreword written by Anwar al-Awlaki, the American-born Qaida leader whom the United States killed in a 2011 drone strike. The book “directs Muslims not to give their allegiance to governments that invade Muslim lands,” the authorities said.

Tsarnaev also downloaded a publication that called for Muslims to use violence “to terrorize the perceived enemies of Islam, among other things.”

The indictments came as Bostonians were obsessed with two other criminal cases. They were announced in the federal courthouse where James “Whitey” Bulger, a notorious Boston crime figure, was on trial for his role in 19 murders and on a day when Aaron Hernandez, a former New England Patriots tight end, was charged with murdering a friend.

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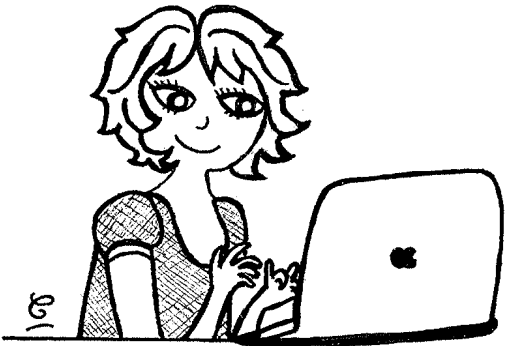
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# Mazen has eye on space for arts, tech

*Affordable housing, more K-12 mentorship on alum's agenda*

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who will be affected by decisions to give them easier entry into public meetings.

Mazen explained that his MIT education has led him to take an analytical approach to city planning. A good start, he says, is the Red Ribbon Commission, which was convened by the mayor in June 2010 to write a report on Central Square.. But Mazen hopes to encourage more analytical work on these issues.

Several issues that Mazen would like to address are particularly relevant to the MIT community, such as increasing the amount of middle-income and affordable housing available in Cambridge. "It's difficult as a world class researcher to come to MIT and stay close enough to your work and still afford an apartment," he told *The Tech*. He explains that the lack of affordable graduate housing at MIT puts pressure on the number of apartments available in Cambridge, which currently has a vacancy rate of only one percent. This drives up the cost of rent for graduate students and longtime residents alike.

Mazen argues that the city council must also do its part by paying close attention to the development plans for Central and Kendall. "It looks like there is going to be little to no affordable housing in Kendall Square, and that ... the bulk of the workers that come into that space ... will be coming into developments in Central." He emphasizes the need to find solutions for developers that work not only politically but also financially. Federal housing subsidies do not exist for middle-income housing developments, but Mazen says the math still shows that developers can make a profit from them.

Development must be balanced by the preservation of the character of the squares around Cambridge,

according to Mazen. "There has to be a clear plan for how these parks are going to be interconnected, for how they are going to bring benefits to the community, and for how this exchange of green space for height is going to work." He cites the Osborn Triangle in Central Square as a good start to increase the open space in the city.

Additionally, Mazen would like the city to make more spaces available for the arts and technology. He wants to create a 20-year plan to advance entrepreneurship and arts in Cambridge, and he cites Boulder, Austin, and San Francisco as good examples for Cambridge to follow because of the large numbers of startups in those cities and their active art scenes.

Improving the free mentorship opportunities for K-12 students in Cambridge is also on Mazen's agenda. He says the city council can work with the Cambridge Housing Authority to establish a maker space in Cambridge and provide connections for after-school or summer internships with local professionals. "Given that there are so many geniuses per student in Cambridge, we're lucky," he said. "And what's more, a lot of them want to be educators or have an interest in giving back to the community and we're just not creating that connection."

He admires Gary Christenson, the mayor of Malden, in particular for his ability to connect with his constituents. "It's important to take care of individual issues, and it's kind of a lost art. "When Mazen started one of his businesses, he had to wait a month to handle signage ordinances, so he sees helping residents with individual issues, such as small business problems or local adjudication problems, as an important role for a city councillor. Leland Cheung, who is excited about the potential of having another MIT alumnus on the council, notes that, in his own experience, members of the MIT community reach out to him in particular because of the shared connection.

This past weekend, Mazen and volunteers for his campaign filmed 200 interviews with Cambridge residents about what makes them happy about Cambridge and what they want to change. The videos will be uploaded on an interactive map of the city, which will be unveiled at the official Mazen campaign kickoff on Saturday, July 13, 3-5 p.m. at Zuzu in Central Square.

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## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# Supporting grad student families

## GSC and Institute offices launch child care assistance pilot program for students

**By Anna Häggman, Marzyeh Ghassemi, Aalap Dighe, and Brian Spatocco**

*"In the United States and Europe, around half of those who gain doctoral degrees in science and engineering are female — but barely one-fifth of full professors are women. Women are not invited in significant numbers to sit on the scientific advisory boards of start-up companies. A scientific conference at which half of the keynote speakers are women stands out simply because of that. Why has progress stalled? Child care is one major factor that blocks the career of many women."*

— Nature 495, 5 (March 7, 2013)

Although nearly 600 graduate students at MIT have children, according to the results from the recently completed quality of life survey, finding reliable and high quality child care at MIT or the surrounding Cambridge area is extremely challenging. Local child care centers, like MIT's affiliated TCC sites, have waitlists longer than 2 years and commonly charge monthly tuition of up to \$2,500 per child for infant care. This translates to getting on a list 24 months prior to birth and saving an entire year's worth of stipend to accommodate a new family member.

**In order to recruit and support the most talented students, universities need to offer family-friendly policies and benefits.**

Availability and price are not the only challenges with Cambridge-area child care. Being a graduate student at MIT is not a 9-to-5 job, and many academic responsibilities, like research experiments, recitations, and project meetings, occur after business hours. More often than not, the ongoing child care arrangements cannot accommodate these irregular hours, putting strain on graduate families. This is all in addition to

the common interruptions that all families experience in their regular child care arrangements, such as the sudden illness of their child or their child's caretaker. Having access to affordable, high-quality short-term child care is an essential first step in addressing the graduate students' need for child care support.

## Competitiveness and Peer Models

In the same way that companies attract employees and academia courts faculty with child care benefits, an increasing number of our peer institutions have realized that in order to recruit and support the most talented students, regardless of whether they have children or not, universities need to offer family-friendly policies and benefits.

One important example of family-friendly policies is paid maternity leave — MIT offers this benefit for students through the Office of the Dean for Graduate Education. MIT also provides numerous parenting support groups, like Spouses&Partners@MIT, and informational resources, like Work-Life Resources 24/7, for graduate families. In spite of these support structures, there is still much more that could be done to make child care options affordable and accessible to MIT student parents, and looking at a number of our peers can provide ideas for different approaches to solving this challenging issue.

Some examples include portable child care grants (up to \$5000 annually per child at Princeton); heavily subsidized back-up child care programs (up to 100 hours at the rate of \$2-\$6 per hour at Princeton and Columbia); paternity leave for male graduate students (6 weeks at Northeastern); low cost and high quality parent-teacher run co-operative child care centers that prioritize student parents in enrollment (Stanford and Caltech); a network of family day care providers (recruited and trained by University of Michigan), who give priority to affiliates of the university; and equal priority in enrollment given to students and faculty in some of the universities' affiliated child care centers (Stanford, Harvard and Yale). In addition to the above, a number of your peers, like Berkeley, Caltech, University of Michigan, and University of Pennsylvania,

nia, have child care grants ranging from \$2500 up to \$8000 per child available for low-income students eligible for FAFSA. Most recently, Brown University has announced a pilot program for the 2013-2014 academic year to provide child care subsidies of up to \$4000 per family on a sliding scale based on income. This benefit will be available for employees and students. In a recent university announcement on June 12, the university's provost, Mark Schlissel, articulated the reasoning behind creating this benefit: "Offering an income-adjusted child care subsidy aligns with our commitment to being an employer of choice, and acknowledges the needs of families with young children."

Though no university does it perfectly, the trend around the country is to support and de-stigmatize the family unit within universities — regardless of gender, nationality, or position within the university.

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## The GSC heard you

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) has long acknowledged the urgency and complexity of the problem with a lack of affordable Cambridge-area child care options, and we felt it was critical that we begin addressing these issues in a concrete way.

On April 3, the GSC passed a historic resolution to use approximately \$38,000 of its own budget to create a new Family Child Care Fund, which aims to bring affordable short-term child care to graduate students. The MIT Work-Life Center and the Office of the Provost, with the support of the Office of the Dean for Graduate Education and the Office of the Chancellor, contributed additional financial resources to the creation of a new pilot program to provide access to affordable backup child care for student parents.

This pilot program, launched on July 1,

2013, will be re-evaluated for continuation after one year. It will allow all MIT students with children to receive access to short-term child care through free membership in the Parents in a Pinch in-home back-up child care service at a rate of \$5 per hour (subsidized from the current market rate for back-up child care of \$15-\$25 per hour, plus several hundreds of dollars in placement and membership fees).

The goal of this program is two-fold: first, we hope it will create a safety net for students with families when they need child care during emergencies; and second, we hope students can use this service to participate more in planned activities like academic conferences, as well as graduate community life. We hope it will help many families achieve a better work-life balance and reduce some of the stress and anxiety related to balancing work duties with the responsibilities of being a parent.

We would like to thank Kathy Simons, Dean Christine Ortiz, Chancellor Eric Grimson and Provost Chris Kaiser for helping make this program a reality. Finally, we want to acknowledge the incredible patience and grace that our graduate students with children have demonstrated in the long push for improved services. Your silent perseverance has made all of this truly possible.

## A new way of thinking

We are very excited about the formation of this child care program, but we are even more excited that this might be the start of a new way of thinking at MIT — that choosing to have a family while in graduate school is a lifestyle choice that is supported as much by our community as by any other. We believe that this step by the GSC and the Institute helps strengthen the “one MIT” vision delivered by President L. Rafael Reif, and we commend the Institute for taking a step in this progressive new direction.

Questions or comments? Please email [gsc-hca-family-chair@mit.edu](mailto:gsc-hca-family-chair@mit.edu).

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# THE SECRET LIFE OF RESEARCHERS

# Flying monkeys, hedgehogs, and castles, oh my!

## A graduate student's experimentation with relaxation and fun

**By Emily A. Moberg**  
*STAFF WRITER*

I originally wanted this article to show that graduate students can kick back, relax, and stave off the insanity that is just a stone's throw away from the genius we all aspire to achieve. However, as I wrote the title, I realized this may actually convince you of the opposite, that graduate school does in fact drive graduate students off the deep end. So, throwing caution to the wind, I am sharing two tales of the silly, the frivolous, and the fun that I've experienced this summer.

dancing still fills me instantaneously when I dance, and I can't help but smile while I twirl around the room. I also found out how great it is to be a part of another community and to interact with people who don't necessarily love science like I do; we get to share our ideas and passions and learn from each other.

**I think ballet has made me a better researcher and happier human being.**

The exciting part of this story is that I get to pretend I'm 18 or 5 or 10 again and dance my heart out in our spring recital, *The Wizard of Oz*. While I get to live up to my nickname of Big Emily (the younger, and much taller Emily, had claimed Little Emily already) as Auntie Em, I also get to be an evil, flying monkey who dances her evil heart out with joy at getting to deliver the nasty Dorothy to her beloved Wicked Witch (I try to stay in character as much as possible). When I leave rehearsals, I am a gross, sweaty mess, and I feel so pumped and ready to re-tackle my research. While

there, I get to be a part of another family — not my MIT family, not my lab family, not my biological family, not my undergraduate family — but my ballet family. Sometimes I get to share with them the science that I love; a few weeks ago I explained how pressure works and how being on pointe increases the pressure on your toes relative to that felt while walking. Sometimes they teach me that I should be trying harder or that I should laugh more often. I take these lessons back with me to work and I think it's made me a better researcher and happier human being.

## Tale two

There once was a graduate student who moved to Cape Cod who wanted a new friend. So she adopted a pet hedgehog, who turned out to be a princess (seriously, she refuses to eat food that has crumbled at all and makes huffing noises if you don't move out of her way — and she always wants to move in the direction that you're in). This hedgehog filled a tiny, prickly void in her heart that she never knew existed. The graduate student got lots of (slightly spiky) cuddles, several overloads of cuteness, and a prickly pal. In return, this student has showered her hedgehog with fun toys: a ball pit, a mini-garden, and lots of games

of hide-and-seek and dead crickets (her favorite snack). But on her first birthday, she got a special surprise — her very own castle! Her castle is made of pink fleece (her favorite fabric) with six stories that she can climb between (because climbing in fabric is a natural hedgehog instinct).

Surprise: this story is about me and my beloved Amelia Rose. For her birthday, I had a tea party, replete with human and hedge cake (hers was made of chicken and crickets) and lots of fancy teas. While she spent most of her time in her new castle, I got to spend some time sampling fancy teas and enjoying my friends' company and complaints that I fed them too many cupcakes and cookies ("Is it even safe to drive with this much sugar in my system!?"). It was a nice reminder that we graduate students can be frivolous, be silly, and above all, never abandon our snobbery for our tea and coffee. It was also nice to know that my obsession with my hedgehog hasn't escalated to the point where I can no longer talk to non-spiked creatures.

I hope this doesn't totally destroy your vision of graduate students working late at night, burning the midnight oil to further the noble cause of science and discovery; we do that too. It's just that sometimes we act like little kids on the side.

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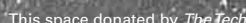
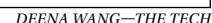
## Catching up with the classics via Gorillaz

ASSOCIATE CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

Growing up was a strange contradiction of musical deprivation and enrichment. Like all good Asian children, I learned how to play the piano, but it was always in a kind of rote manner, no deviations from the written classical canon sheet music. The sum total of my musical library was a pop-song medley, *The Phantom of the Opera*, and random Chinese hits from the 80s, all courtesy of my father's business trips to China. Not being American, my parents didn't have stacks of Led Zeppelin LPs for me to listen to, and somehow, I got the impression that rock music all sounded the same.

I knew I was lacking a proper grounding in popular music, so when I came to MIT to get educated, I also tried to auditorily educate myself in the vein of Senior House, which was mostly an injection of punk rock. Yet, there's something tedious about grabbing a bunch of random CDs and forcing myself to listen through it. Because

Damon Albarn, one of the duo behind Gorillaz, once said that his motivation for the project was to introduce the younger generation to the great classic bands he enjoyed growing up. At the very least, he was successful in converting one person.





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## Djokovic and Murray advance

Swiss sensation and defending Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, who sports the most Grand Slams in tennis history with 17, including seven Wimbledon titles, breezed through his first round match against Romanian Victor Hanescu in straight sets (6-3, 6-2, 6-0), putting away 32 winners compared to Hanescu's 14. However, Ukrainian Sergiy Stakhovsky defeated third-seeded Federer in the second round in a four set battle (6-7

In light of the unpredictable nature of the first week of Wimbledon, it is difficult to tell what may unfold in the second week. What can be said, however, is that Wimbledon is underway, and some of the best tennis is yet to come.

*MIT graduate student impressive in solo effort*

As a member of the MIT cycling team, he won the criterium and time trial at the MIT X-Pot in March and took first at

This year marked the 11th and final occurrence of the Mt. Hood Cycling Classic, which is known for its exhilarating, scenic routes through the Cascade Mountains and Columbia River Gorge. Mt. Hood is a stage race

Sunday's road race, the Three Summits Road Race, took riders through the Mt. Hood National Forest for 146 kilometers and 3,200 meters of climbing. Coming into the final stage just 40 seconds behind the leader, Cogburn conserved his energy for most of the race by riding in a group. Then, during the final hill climb he caught the defending leader and beat him by 46 seconds to earn the general classification yellow jersey.



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